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SUBJECT: PROPOSED CHANGES IN US AIR FORCE STRUCTURE IN PACIFIC

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1. MY GRAPEVINE I TO THE AIR FORCE HAS GIVEN ME SOME UNAUTHORIZED INFORMATION ABOUT MEETINGS WHICH ARE CURRENTLY UNDERWAY AT CLARK FIELD TO EXAMINE HEADQUARTERS RECONFIGURATION IN PACIFIC. ONCE ALL THE JUICE IS SQUEEZED OUT OF IT, WHAT OUR AIR FORCE FRIENDS ARE PLANNING IS A RECONSTITUTION OF PACAF HERE IN THE PHILIPPINES. THIS SEEMS TO BE BASED ON ASSUMPTION THAT CINCPAC WILL BE ABOLISHED AND THAT THE HAWAII HEADQUARTERS WILL BE A PURELY NAVY COMMAND, PROBABLY TO BE CALLED CINCPAC/FLEET.

2. UNDER THEIR CONCEPT* FIFTH AND SEVENTH AIR FORCES WILL BE ABOLISHED. ALL TACTICAL AIRCRAFT IN EAST ASIA WILL BE ASSIGNED DIRECTLY TO TAC, AND ALL STRATEGIC AIRCRAFT TO SAC. OPERATIONAL CONTROL FOR ALL USAF ASSETS IN EAST ASIA WILL BE ASSIGNED TO THIRTEENTH AIR FORCE, WHICH WILL BE AUGMENTED SIGNIFICANTLY, AND ASSUME MANY FUNCTIONS CURRENTLY EXERCISED BY PACAF.

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3. AMONG NEW FUNCTIONS TO BE ASSIGNED THIRTEENTH WOULD BE

A SPECIAL LOGISTICAL OPERATION DESIGNED TO KEEP USAF RESPONSIVE TO AIR FORCE NEEDS OF MAP COUNTRIES IN EAST ASIA. THIS GROUP, TO BE CALLED SECURITY ASSISTANCE HEADQUARTERS, WOULD BACK UP THE AIR FORCE SECTIONS OF THE VARIOUS MAAGS, AND WOULD ATTEMPT TO KEEP VARIOUS MAP-SUPPORTED AIR FORCES FLYING BY ASSURING PROMPT DELIVERY OF SPARES, ETS.

A CONSIDERABLE STOCK OF SPARES AND OTHER COMPONENTS WOULD BE STORED AT CLARK, MANAGED BY USAF, AND DOLED OUT AS NEEDED TO MAP-SUPPORTED AIR FORCES RATHER THAN STORED IN-COUNTRY AND FRITTERED INTO BLACK MARKETS.

4. ERIC VON MARMOD, PRESUMABLY AFTER TALKING WITH YOU, HAS ASKED THROUGH THE OLD BOY NETWORK WHETHER MY OBJECTIONS TO THE ASSIGNMENT OF LOU HARRIS REFLECT A PERSONAL ANIMUS AGAINST HARRIS OR ANIMUS AGAINST HIS FOUR STARS. I HAVE SENT BACK WORD THAT I LIKE LOU HARRIS, AND A LOU HARRIS WITH THREE STARS WOULD BE IDEAL. HOWEVER, I HAVE TRIED TO EXPLAIN TH AT A FOUR STAR COMMAND HERE, ESPECIALLY ONE WHICH TRANSPARENTLY INVOLVES THE RELOCATION OF PACAF FROM HAWAII TO THE PHILIPPINES, WOULD CONVINCE OUR PHILIPPINE HOSTS THAT THEIR TERRITORY HAD BECOME ENORMOUSLY SIGNIFICANT TO THE U.S. AND OUR BASES IN THEIR TERRITORY HAD BECOME ENORMOUSLY VALUABLE. THIS, IN TURN, WOULD VASTLY INCREASE THE COSTS OF THE BASE FOR US. I THEREFORE ASKED VON MARMOD TO REFLECT WITH VON SCHLESINGER, VON BROWN, AND VON JONES WHETHER A CUSHY JOB FOR VON HARRIS WAS REALLY WORTH MANY MILLIONS OF THE TASPAYER'S MONEY, OR WHETHER A HUNGRY THREE STAR TYPE (SUCH AS GALLIGAN) MIGHT SUFFICE. I ALSO ASKED THAT THIS MATTER BE TAKEN OUT OF OLD BOY NETWORK AND THAT THE WHOLE PACKAGE BE WRITTEN UP IN A MESSAGE WHICH STATE AND THIS EMBASSY COULD ASSESS BEFORE RPT BEFORE JCS DECIDES.
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